

1 personal opinion of the Chair and the only way I can answer  
2 it is to indicate I intend to vote against the amendment.  
3 I do not think it is necessary. I think it does harm.  
4 The Chair couldn't refrain from determining that Delegate  
5 Mudd is relaxing in high glee. (Laughter).

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Johnson.

7 DELEGATE JOHNSON: What concerns the members of  
8 the minority is the fact that inasmuch as the local  
9 governments cannot act in matters pertaining to judicial  
10 power, that it is perfectly possible, is it not, that if the  
11 General Assembly is not given permission to establish the  
12 office of sheriff, that the judicial branch could establish  
13 the office of process server and the matters relating there-  
14 to and for all practical purposes do away with the office  
15 of sheriff in the local government so that the sheriff in  
16 the local government will have little or no duties, but will  
17 find that his office has been left with routine functions?

18 THE CHAIRMAN: I think that statement is ab-  
19 solutely correct to the extent that it pertains to the  
20 purely judicial duties of the sheriff and is equally in-  
21 correct insofar as it pertains to non-judicial duties.